

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Miranda Nelson, 2007
Valedictorian of Richland School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miranda Nelson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Richland School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Nelson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Nelson has earned an exemplary 4.34 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Honor Society; Beta Club, which she has served as President; Spanish Club; Student Council; Future Business Leaders of America; Cheerleading; History Club; Interact; and Jobs for Tennessee Graduates, which she has served as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson has also lent her talents to First National Bank Advisory Board; Future Teachers of America, which she has served as Vice President; Annual Staff, which she has served as Assistant Editor; Library Club; Calculus Club; Cedar Hills Pony Club; Rocket Team; Girls' State, which she was an Alternate; Mell's Foxhounds; and the United States Eventing Association; she is also a devout member of the Olivet United Methodist Church, where she is active in the Youth Group and Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, Miranda Nelson holds Highest Average Awards in Advanced Placement. American History, Honors English, Pre-Calculus, Spanish I and II, Keyboarding, Desktop Publishing, Geometry, and Chemistry; the winner of the Duck River Electric Membership

Corporation Washington Youth Tour. Miranda has further been honored with the receipt of the Exchange Club Student of the Month award, Woodsmen of the World Outstanding Proficiency Award for American History, High Honor Roll, Excel Gold Card, "Most Studious" senior superlative, Cedar Hills Pony Clubber of the Year award, National Beta Club Scholarship and UAH Academic Excellence Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the University of Alabama at Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Norman and Debra Nelson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miranda Nelson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Richland School Valedictorian, Miranda Nelson, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.